The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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Ex parte MATTHEW R. KASER, YALDA AZIMZAI, and HENRY YUE

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 2, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We were unable to locate the Miller and Shafat references relied on by the Examiner in the Examiner's Answer (page 3) mailed May 5, 2004.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to: (1) provide a complete copy of the Miller and Shafat references, (2) have a complete copy of both references scanned into the IFW file, and (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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